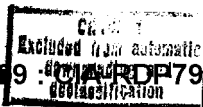


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5 April 1968

Mr. R. E. Simpson, Director  
Office of International Regional Economics  
Bureau of International Commerce  
U. S. Department of Commerce  
Room 3844  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Simpson:

The Office of Basic and Geographic Intelligence is in the process of developing its operating budget for FY 1969 and estimating funds required for FY 1970. Planned NIS supplementary coverage indicates a current annual production requirement for 5 Sections 65 (Trade and Finance). Deliveries required in FY 1969 are as follows:

Section 65

Netherlands  
Israel  
Rhodesia

Cuba  
Peru

Accordingly, we would appreciate by 22 April 1968 the following information regarding your NIS staff:

- a. current projection of funds and personnel for FY 1968;
- b. changes in previously submitted funds and personnel estimates for FY 1969;
- c. funds and personnel estimates for FY 1970 based on continuation of the FY 1969 level of production.

Sincerely,

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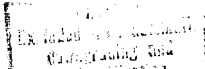
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